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WASHINGTON, July 11, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 5 totaled an estimated 14.4 billion ton-miles, 7.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day Holiday and the beginning of the coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 478 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 5 totaled 345,206 cars, 14.8 percent below 1979, and 23.2 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.8 percent in the East, 11.8 percent in the South, and 10.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Twenty of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 28 totaled 32,745 cars, down 19.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,983 trailers and/or containers, 15.9 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 849,503 cars, 9.1 percent lower than last year, and 1,545,166 trailers and/or containers, down 6.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/5/80:

	Loadings in Week ended July 5, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,732	D	478	1.5	I	444	1.5
Other farm products	3,978	I	255	6.8	D	776	16.3
Metallic ores	28,658	D	11,804	29.2	D	5,180	15.3
Coal	69,270	I	711	1.0	D	48,063	41.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,293	D	4,592	27.2	D	2,653	17.8
Nonmetallic minerals	14,544	D	278	1.9	D	2,328	13.8
Grain mill products	13,878	D	873	5.9	D	3,337	19.4
Food and kindred products	14,964	I	6	0.0	D	3,710	19.9
Primary forest products	15,237	I	46	0.3	D	5,125	25.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,700	D	1,628	19.5	D	2,532	27.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	17,743	D	227	1.3	D	4,156	19.0
Chemicals and allied products	21,257	D	4,430	17.2	D	3,368	13.7
Petroleum products	4,463	D	1,635	26.8	D	957	17.7
Stone, clay and glass products	13,058	D	4,813	26.9	D	1,882	12.6
Coke	3,561	D	4,205	54.1	D	601	14.4
Metals and products	11,853	D	6,365	34.9	D	3,276	21.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,799	D	5,960	31.8	D	2,401	15.8
Waste and scrap materials	7,902	D	3,879	32.9	D	2,297	22.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,780	D	3,392	27.9	D	2,213	20.1
All other carloads	33,374	D	6,065	15.4	D	9,816	22.7
LCL traffic	162	D	288	64.0	D	38	19.0
Total Cars Loaded	345,206	D	59,894	14.8	D	104,265	23.2
Corresponding week of 1979	405,100						

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	11,828,156	12,257,268	D 3.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
26 weeks cumulative	463.2	446.4	I 3.8
Week ended July 5	14.4	15.6	D 7.4
27 weeks cumulative	477.6	462.0	I 3.4

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